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POLAND: Inconclusive Talks Likely

Little progress is likely during the resumption of talks today between Solidarity and the regime. [REDACTED]

Solidarity has raised numerous broad issues that would take considerable time to negotiate even if the regime were seriously interested in reaching speedy compromises. The union believes, for example, that the government has made little effort to work out a program for getting Poland out of the crisis or for formulating an economic reform package. In addition, the union is unhappy about the regime's alleged unilateral rewriting of the new trade union law, the propaganda campaign aimed against Solidarity, and the union's lack of access to the media. [REDACTED]

The regime appears ready to take a tough stance. A government spokesman yesterday rejected Solidarity's charges and said it was hard to find any "good will" in the union's declarations. [REDACTED]

Regime negotiator Rakowski may not be able to discuss much today because the party leadership will probably want to discuss its plans for meeting Solidarity's challenge at the plenum of the Central Committee on Saturday. This plenum will be the first in which the new Central Committee--more than 90 percent of its members are newcomers--will have a chance to express its attitudes toward Solidarity, and it should give an indication of party leader Kania's ability to manipulate the Committee. [REDACTED]

The two-hour strike in the Warsaw area yesterday generally was successful and ended, as did the blockade in downtown Warsaw, without incident. A union spokesman told the strikers in the motorcade, however, that they "will be back" if there is no progress in the talks. [REDACTED]

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